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VETERANS ATTENDING UM INCREASING IN NUMBER

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Veterans under the G.I. Bill are attending the University of Montana in ever increasing numbers, according to the UM assistant registrar, Mrs. Emma Lommasson. Most are veterans of the Vietnam conflict.

For fall quarter 1968, 516 have registered, and more are being processed every day as their Veterans Administration forms arrive, Mrs. Lommasson said.

The current figure shows an increase of 133 students over last spring quarter when the total was 383. Increases have been steady during the past two years since the new bill has been in effect.

The highest total before the current one came in fall quarter 1966, the first session after implementation of the bill, when there were 400 veterans attending UM. The lowest was Spring 1967 when there were 356.

Under the new G.I. Bill, a veteran may qualify for additional schooling or vocational training at the secondary, vocational, college graduate or undergraduate, medical or law school levels after serving 181 days in any of the U.S. armed services after Feb. 1, 1955.

He is eligible for one month's assistance for every month in the service, not to exceed 36 months. Stipends are paid in the amount of \$110 a month for no dependents, \$150 a month with one dependent and \$175 a month with two dependents plus \$5 a month for every dependent over two.

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